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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY -- JULY 10

1. UNITED STATES. THE SECRETARY'S TRAVEL IS NOT MENTIONED. PRAVDA REPORTS THE LATEST SESSION OF THE GENEVA SALT TALKS WITHOUT COMMENT. PRAVDA BRIEFLY REPORTS A DEMONSTRATION AT THE WHITE HOUSE PROTESTING INCREASED U.S. ARMS EXPENDITURES. PRAVDA'S CARTOON REPEATS A CURRENTLY POPULAR THEME, SHOWING U.S. ENEMIES OF DETENTE TOPPLED BY THEIR OWN BOOMERANGS WHICH HAD BEEN LAUNCHED AT A PASSING TRAIN BEARING THE LABEL "DETENTE."

2. SOMALIA. PRAVDA CARRIES A TASS ITEM IN WHICH PRESIDENT DIAD, IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE WASHINGTON POST, DENIES THE EXISTENCE OF A SOVIET MILITARY BASE AT BERBERA. TASS ALSO REPORTS A WP STORY WHICH ALLEGEDLY SAYS THAT THE AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN AND JOURNALISTS ON THEIR VISIT TO BERBERA "DETECTED" ONLY THINGS NOT IDENTIFIABLE AS A SOVIET MILITARY BASE (E.G., A PORT, A COMMUNICATIONS CENTER, OIL STORAGE FACILITIES, ETC.). TASS ALSO REPORTS THAT THE WP SAID THE BERBERA STORY SUPPORTS THE INTERESTS OF THE PENTAGON IN THAT CONGRESS WILL NOW BE MORE PRONE TO AUTHORIZE EXPANSION OFF THE FACILITY AT DIEGO GARCIA. ON THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOMALIA-USSR TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION, PRAVDA CARRIES A LENGTHY PIECE ON SOMALI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND ON SOVIET HELP WHICH HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO THE AFRICAN COUNTRY.

3. BRANDT VISIT. PRAVDA REPORTS THAT BRANDT PAID A FAREWELL CALL ON BREZHNEV AND THEN HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE, DURING WHICH HE REPORTEDLY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF FURTHER STEPS TOWARD DETENTE IN EUROPE.

4. IRAQ. PRAVDA'S COMMENTARY DISCUSSES A RECENTLY CONCLUDED AGREEMENT BETWEEN CEMA AND IRAQ IN WHICH ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND EXPERTISE WILL BE EXTENDED TO BAGHDAD.

5. INTERNAL. THE CENTRAL PRESS WAS DOMINATED BY COVERAGE OF CLOSING DAY OF SESSION OF USSR SUPREME SOVIET WHICH ADOPTED UNCLASSIFIED

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A BASIC LAW ON MINERALS AND CONFIRMED SEVERAL LEGISLATIVE ACTS. THE ONLY PERSONNEL CHANGE WAS THE RETIREMENT OF ONE OF THE DEPUTY CHAIRMEN OF THE PRESIDUM OF USSR SUPREME SOVIET--N. KH. ARUTYUNYAN OF ARMENIA. THIS IS A MOVE PRIMARILY OF LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE ALTHOUGH ARUTYUNYAN IS A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL AUDITING COMMISSION OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE. ALL BUT THREE MEMBERS OF THE TOP SOVIET LEADERSHIP--DEMICHEV, DOLGIKH, AND KAPITONOV-- ATTENDED THE LEGISLATIVE

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